

God's Good Rules

Lesson 6

"Respect & Honor Your Parents"

Lessons from the Bible: Exodus 20:1-17

Review Commandments 1-4:

- The first 4 commandments teach us how to respect and honor God. Do you remember what they are?
- Put God first
 2. No fake gods
 3. Respect God's name
 4. Respect God's day of rest

The last 6 commandments are how we are to treat ourselves and others.

Today we are going to learn how to treat our parents:

Read Exodus 20:12:

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you."

Read Ephesians 6:1-3:

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with a promise, "That it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

- Why does the 5th Commandment tell us to honor our parents? (*So that we can live long in the land God is giving us.*)
- God was talking to the Israelites there, but the same thing applies to us. If we want to have a long life in the place God gave us, we should obey our parents.
- They give us the rules to keep us safe and happy.
- God gave us our parents so that they can teach us and take care of us. And, when our parents teach us the right things, they're teaching us what God wants us to know.
- When we listen to our parents, we're listening to God.
- But God says that if we don't listen to our parents, we won't get the blessings that He wants to give us. We might get hurt if we break God's rules.
- So, let's remember to keep God's Commandment and honor our parents so that everything will go well for us.

Discussion:

- Who does God say you should obey?
(parents) could mean grandparents too.
- Why does God want us to obey our parents?
(To keep us safe and happy)
- **Do you obey your parents?**
- **What do you do when they tell you to do something you don't want to do?**
- **Does it make you angry when they tell you to do something you don't want to do? Why?**
- **Do you ever talk back to your mom and dad?**
- **Does this please Jesus?**
- **In what ways are "obey" and "honor" the same? Different?**
(Hint: they can obey outwardly and not honor, obeying can be more action while honoring is more attitude, honoring their parents involves also how they talk about them to others, etc.)
- **FINAL question – In what way(s) do you think Jesus wants you to honor or obey your parents better?**

Closing Prayer

Father God, You gave us our fathers and mothers to teach us the right things and to keep us safe. Help us to listen to You by listening to them. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Craft: "Obey our parents poster"



Print out the attached template.

Have the children color with markers, crayons or pencils.

You can add additional décor by glueing on "O"s cereal such as Cheerios, Apple Jacks or Fruit Loops.

Or using paper hole reinforcement stickers found at stationary store.

10 Commandments in simple terms.

1. Put God first
2. No fake gods
3. Respect God's name
4. Respect God's day of rest
5. **Honor & Obey your parents**
6. Do not kill people
7. Respect marriage
8. Do not steal
9. Do not lie
10. Do not be jealous

Bible Verse | Psalm 119:1-2: "Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the Lord. Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts."

Activities: Practice "The Ten Commandments Boogie Song"

Video: The Ten Commandment Boogie:

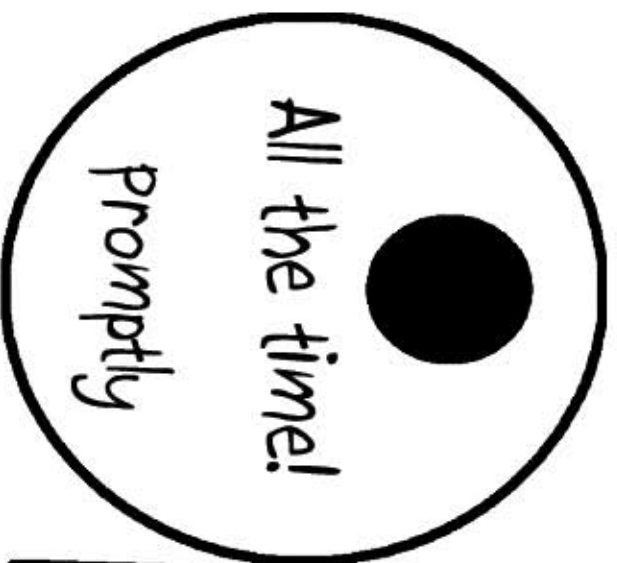
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2hB5Gqo8Vo>

Feel free to take a picture of their art work or share how your activity went!
Post it on our Facebook page or share it on GroupMe. Have a Blessed Day & Week! Until we can meet again

~ *Teacher Chrissy*

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Your Parents

Eph. 6:1